

CLAUDIA'S STORY BEFORE THE JURY

McIntyre Succeeds in Getting Alleged Confession Read.

JUSTICE BARS LETTERS

Mrs. Annis Pale and Scornful During Reading.

Gen. and Mrs. Hains Occupy Witness Stand Most of the Day, and Testify to Alleged Insanity of Peter-Testimony Is, Apparently, of Little Value to the Defense-Prisoner's Mother in Tears Most of the Time.

New York, Dec. 31.—Several times to-day John H. McIntyre, chief counsel for Thornton Hains, on trial at Flushing for complicity in the murder of William E. Annis by his brother, Capt. Peter Hains, U. S. A., tried to get into evidence the letters written by Claudia Hains, which, it is claimed, in connection with disclosures of his wife's conduct, unseated his reason. Each time the court refused to allow them.

With the now famous confession of Claudia Hains, Mr. McIntyre was more successful. He carefully led Gen. Hains, when he was on the stand to-day, up to the signing of the document and got it before the jury. Much of it is unprintable, but the women in court—thirty or forty in all—eagerly took in every word of it.

Mrs. Annis, widow of the murdered man, listened to the reading with a scornful smile, but a face as pale as marble. Both the mother and father of Thornton Hains took the stand to-day.

No Benefit to Defense.

Aside from the natural sympathy which their appearance under such distressing circumstances naturally begot in the minds of the jurors and spectators alike, it was pretty hard to figure out wherein the cause of Thornton Hains benefited by their testimony, for what they had to say dealt almost entirely with the alleged nervousness of Capt. Peter Hains as a child and his alleged irrational behavior just after he heard of his wife's alleged infidelity and just before he shot Annis to death.

The mother, a feeble, broken little old woman, was most of the time in tears, but every now and then a stare of temper cut through her grief. The old general sat on the stand, grim, saturnine, and cool, making only exact and careful answers to what was asked him. Thornton Hains showed no emotion while his mother gave her evidence to aid him. He kept his head averted, though, playing with a pencil.

By his questions to the two old people, Chief Counsel John H. McIntyre, of the defense, made it plain for the first time that he meant to lay a trail of hereditary impulses and tainted blood in the common stock of his two clients, with a view to later lugging in experts, hypothetical questions, and all the rest of the medico-legal machinery that kept the trial of Harry Thaw dragging along for so many weeks.

Rule Out Insanity Evidence.

When Justice Crane opened the afternoon session he decided to rule out further evidence tending to show insanity in the Hains blood at this time because the proper introduction had not been made. He added, however, that he would amend the ruling in the event that the authorities showed him to be in error.

Gen. Hains testified that he had heard the confession. He said that the effect on his son Peter was to make him act like a madman. He recited Kipling's "Vampire" frequently. The general testified that his father had died from insanity, but this was stricken out. Earlier Mrs. Hains, the general's wife, testified to peculiar actions on the part of her son Peter. She said she asked Thornton to look after him. She broke down and sobbed frequently.

Mal. Hains, brother of the prisoners, was the first to take the stand to-day, and gave favorable evidence. He testified that he had been in the room when the prisoners were taken to-day, remain in charge of the case until it is ended.

The next session will be held on Monday.

BIG TREASURY DEFICIT.

First Six Months of New Fiscal Year Shows Increase.

A deficit of \$61,238,463 for the first six months of the new fiscal year is disclosed by the Treasury statement for the beginning of the new year.

The receipts were as follows: Customs, about \$128,000,000; internal revenue, about \$128,740,530; miscellaneous sources, about \$25,679,215.

The following corresponding decreases are indicated by the figures given above, over the corresponding period of 1907: Customs, \$27,680,000; internal revenue, \$4,000,000; miscellaneous, about \$2,000,000.

The expenditures of the Treasury for the past six months will aggregate \$328,200,000.

Know the Miscreant's Ways.

Harry Furness tells a good story which he heard from a friend, the colonel of a Sikh regiment in India. The officers were most annoyed by some native hanging about their camp and "sniping" them with a rifle. The colonel sent for his orderly, a native soldier, and said he wanted a squad to go over the mountain that night and catch the miscreant who was annoying them. They were given orders and were to be allowed to act alone, assuring his colonel that he would soon catch the culprit. The officer, admiring his pluck, agreed, and the next morning the soldier walked in with the head of the sniper. The officers were loud in their praise of the soldier's valor.

"Oh, sirs, I had no difficulty," he said. "You see, I knew his ways. He was my father."

Matter of Duty.

From the Chicago News.

Shopper—What makes these goods so expensive?

Clerk—The duty, ma'am.

Shopper—Oh, then, they are imported?

Clerk—No, they are domestic goods.

But the proprietor thinks it his duty to increase his bank balance.

WILL BE SENATOR



THEODORE BURTON, Cleveland man, who has been in the House of Representatives, but who will go to the upper House of Congress.

INAUGURAL PLANS ADVANCE

Various Committees at Work to Arrange an Elaborate Programme.

Guarantee Fund Reaches Large Amount and All Indications Are for Unusual Festivities.

The preparations for the inaugural ball are far advanced. The inaugural committee is thoroughly organized and as much of the detail as well could be accomplished this early in the proceedings has been got out of the way.

The committee on civic organizations and the military division of the parade have been in correspondence with the various parties of the country, and the replies show that the marching column in both its principal divisions will be up to the standard set in former years.

There is yet two months before the inauguration, and in that interval many more organizations, both military and civic, will be heard from, and every indication points now to one of the longest and most interesting parades that ever assembled at the Capital to aid in the induction of the President and Vice President into office.

A conservative estimate made yesterday from the figures now on the books of the various committees, added to those which may be expected, gives the total of 100,000 in line, including the personal escort to the President made up of the veteran bodies of Washington and other cities, and the marching column, which will follow President Taft from the Capitol to the White House and pass in review before him at the mansion.

M. I. Weller, chairman of the committee on public comfort, has been busy for the past few days assigning different organizations to their quarters in the city and completing arrangements for the proper housing of the military and civic delegations as well as the thousands of visitors who will be in Washington to attend the ceremonies.

Never before in the history of inaugurations has the local committee had so large a fund placed in its hands to frame up the ceremonies of the day. Already more than \$2,000 has been contributed, and it is not extravagant to hope that the guarantee fund will reach \$100,000. True, it is expected that from the revenue of the ball, the sale of privileges, and that from other sources this fund will be returned to the subscribers and a comfortable balance left to charity, yet the committee always makes its preparations in the light of the guarantee fund. The proper introduction had not been made. He added, however, that he would amend the ruling in the event that the authorities showed him to be in error.

The District Committee of the House of Representatives has approved the joint resolution granting the use of the Pension Building for the inaugural ball, and making an appropriation of \$2,000 for the government share in the ceremonies. Until this legislation is enacted the committee on the ball and the several cognate bodies can only wait. It is likely that upon the assembling of Congress next week the necessary legislation will be quickly passed, and then will begin a swarm of activities.

The committee on souvenirs, reviewing stands, and public order have not made much progress. Meetings have been held and preliminary steps taken, but the actual arrangements which these committees are to complete are yet in their infancy.

The fireworks committee, which will provide for one evening's entertainment for the throng of people at the inauguration, has its plans well in hand. The date of the entertainment has not been settled, but will be at the next meeting of the committee. Just at present the opinion of the committee seems to favor the evening of March 4, that being the time when the greatest number is in the city, and when the programme would be most thoroughly appreciated.

Washington, as on former occasions, will extend a cordial greeting to the nation and do its best to entertain those who come and make their stay at the Capital one to be remembered and repeated as succeeding Presidents are placed in office.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—Possum and "taters" will be the feature dish at the banquet to be given by the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce on January 15 to President-elect Taft, and to that end the managers of the banquet are advertising throughout Georgia for 200 fine, fat "possums."

The advertisement has stirred the hunters, and "possums" will be trailed nightly until the required number has been secured. Each "possum" will be brought to the banquet table in a bed of potatoes, and in his mouth there will be a small potato.

The reason for this is that President-elect Taft, now wintering in Augusta,

MR. TAFT YIELDS SENATORIAL RACE

Other Aspirants Also Leave Field Clear to Burton.

WILL SURELY BE ELECTED

Cincinnati Editor Explains that He Withdrew for Party Harmony, and Foraker Pays Compliment to Representative from Cleveland in Renouncing His Withdrawal.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Because he demonstrated that he completely dominated the situation, all rivals of Representative Theodore E. Burton for election as United States Senator to succeed J. B. Foraker to-day quit the race, and Monday he will be nominated in caucus, and on January 12 will be elected Senator by the general assembly.

C. P. Taft, his most formidable opponent, retired early in the day. Then Senator Foraker quit, and Gov. Harris, Warren G. Harding, Representative Keifer, and Dr. C. A. L. Reed all withdrew, leaving the field to Burton. The settlement of the present contest leaves the ambitions of several of the leading Ohioans up in the air.

Dick to Run Again.

Senator Dick, of course, will seek to succeed himself two years hence, and he doubtless will find plenty of opponents, for there is no announcement that the retirement of Senator Foraker and C. P. Taft from the present contest means the yielding of their hopes to go to the Senate.

Settlement of the present contest was largely due to W. H. Taft and to President Roosevelt, who sent word, through Assistant Attorney General Ellis, that the contest if continued might disrupt the party. Roosevelt is said to have been concerned lest a situation would arise which would result in the return of Senator Foraker.

Mr. Taft's Statement.

In a statement to-day Mr. Taft said: "I yield the personal ambition for the accomplishment of better and more important things. It is clear that a prolonged contest would divide the Republican party and I am not willing to be in any way responsible for such division."

Tribute to Burton.

"My candidacy from the beginning seems to have been misunderstood. I have been represented as urging my own personal ambition at the expense of Republican harmony and success. The imputation is unjust, but that of no moment now. The cause of it shall exist no longer. I yield the personal ambition for the accomplishment of better and more important things."

"I have been a sincere and consistent Republican all my life. I have served my party and the people of my community as a member of the legislature of Ohio and of the Congress of the United States. It was my privilege to be one of those who nearly four years ago in a general assembly of this State stood for the authority of party judgment as formed in public sentiment and expressed in party caucus, when John Sherman was sent to the Senate of the United States."

"I have long had an ambition to be a Senator from Ohio. I have sought this great honor without reliance upon the popularity or prestige of any other man, and especially without any expectation that my motives would be misinterpreted. My personal desire would endanger that harmony among Republicans everywhere which is so essential to the success of the incoming national administration."

"Conditions have now arisen which impose a higher duty upon me than the gratification of any personal ambition. It is clear that a prolonged contest would divide the party and I am not willing to be in any way responsible for such division."

In withdrawing Foraker paid Burton a compliment and said: "If nothing more has been accomplished a lesson of lasting value has been taught in the demonstration that a party organization is powerful only when it confines itself to its legitimate business and duties as the agency and representative of the whole party, and that it loses its force and power when it becomes a personal asset of any individual."

The secret of the surrender of the Taft people is said to be their desire to retain control of the State organization as against Senators Foraker and Dick. Burton, it is declared, really has been a part of the Taft organization, and in fact led the first revolt against the control of the two Senators.

More Polite than Fearless.

When President Roosevelt and his party were hunting in the jungle of Louisiana, they had with them as chief cook and bottle washer a native darky named Sam whose politeness was only exceeded by his professed fearlessness in the face of danger.

After a camp had been opened Sam was sent out to reconnoiter in the vicinity of report prospects for game. Soon after he had disappeared unhearingly yells were heard, and he was seen leaping and bounding through the thicket in a desperate effort to overcome time and distance in reaching camp. On his arrival, hatless and breathless, he almost fell into the arms of the chief guard, who exclaimed:

"Why, Sam, what's the matter? What scared you so?"

"I 'n't skeered, massa," stammered Sam, as he gasped for breath and rolled his eyes in the direction from whence he came. "I 's come back to ax you if it wud be perfit for dis nighgan to shoot dat bar dat chased me. Defo' gibben dat chance to da President ob da United States?"

From Harper's Weekly.

From the War Path.

The coyote trotted along slowly until it had come to a sand bank at the edge of the water, where it began to dig, and presently had partly uncovered the eggs of a snapping turtle and was beginning to eat them. But close by, lying on the sand, was a big snapping turtle, the mother that had laid these eggs. She saw the coyote and began slowly to walk toward him. The coyote had his head down in the hole busily devouring the eggs and saw and heard nothing, and in a moment or two the turtle was close to it, and darting out its long neck seized him by the cheek, and with a pull pulled back on him with a grip that nothing could loosen. The coyote yelled dully and tried to pull away, but could not, and the turtle was big and strong, and she began to drag slowly toward the stream. The coyote, howling with pain, pulled back as hard as he could and struggled desperately, trying to shake himself free, but the turtle held on and marched steadily backward until she got into the water and dragged the miserable coyote after her. Gradually the water got deeper and deeper, and presently his head disappeared, and the last the Indians saw of him was his tail and his hind legs waving in the air.

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SLASHED BY ROBBERS.

George E. Kufer Attacked by Two Men Last Night.

George E. Kufer, formerly stationed at Fort Myer, was cut and badly beaten by two men at Second street and Virginia avenue southeast, last night. The men also relieved him of \$25, his watch, and other valuables. They overlooked \$1.25 in his vest pocket.

His left arm was badly cut and his jaw dislocated. Kufer furnished the police with a description of his assailants, and an investigation has been started.

Kufer had just left a train and was walking in Virginia avenue when one of the men struck him in the face and the other slashed him with a knife.

Kufer was honorably discharged from duty at Fort Myer on November 5. He has a wife living at 1623 North Bradford street, Baltimore.

A DAY OF SURPRISES

Many Witnesses Testify in Night Riders' Case.

ALL FOR THE DEFENDANTS

Minister on the Stand Declares Alleged Leader Has Good Character, but Admits That He Has Always Been Under Suspicion as a Member of the Organization.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 31.—This was a day of surprises and exciting incidents in the night riders' case, in which the lives of eight men are at stake. Evidence in behalf of the alleged murderers of Capt. Rankin, most of which tended to establish an alibi for one or another of the defendants, and as to the character of Garrett Johnson, the alleged leader of the Redfoot Lake band of alleged outlaws, as well as that of Frank Fernier, who made at Camp Nemo a confession, was offered by the defense. There appeared on the stand men who were related to one or more of the prisoners.

There were others in no way connected with any of the defendants, but who knew some or all of the eight men, and who testified as to their reputation and their credibility under oath.

The surprise came when some of the statements of witnesses for the defense were to the effect that Garrett Johnson had for a long time been under suspicion of being a night rider, and others were that while Frank Fernier's character was not of the best, witnesses, with one exception, had never heard his veracity questioned.

The exciting incidents were the exchange of heated language between R. A. Pinner, counsel for the defense, and Attorney General D. J. Caldwell and the rebuke administered by Judge Jones, accompanied by the announcement that unless such excuses ceased there would be two or three less counsel in the case, implying that the examination of witnesses would be placed in other hands. After this the war of words ended and matters again became quiet.

Rev. John R. Williams, pastor of the Christian Church at Hornbeak, testified that he had known Johnson since he was a boy, and that his character was considered good, but on cross-examination Mr. Williams said Johnson had been under suspicion as a night rider ever since the burning of the docks, and the general impression was that he was a member of that organization.

The grand jury late this afternoon brought in eleven additional indictments. Two charge murder, four conspiracy, three night riding, and two assault and battery.

JUROR HITS LAWYER IN COURT

Brands Attorney's Statement False and Strikes with Fist.

Sensational Incident When Motion for New Trial for Samuels Is Overruled.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Danville, Va., Dec. 31.—A sensational fight took place in the corporation court room to-day following the overruling of a motion for a new trial for W. B. Samuels, convicted of the murder of Sheriff Flannagan, when J. L. Wells, one of the jurors in the case, attacked Attorney B. H. Custer, of the counsel for the defense.

Attorney Custer yesterday announced that he would introduce an affidavit to-day to show that Wells had on the day of the shooting declared that if put on the jury he would try to see that Samuels was hung. D. G. George, the alleged authority for this statement, did not appear, and it is said that he is out of the city.

Immediately after court adjourned, and while Judge A. M. Aiken and officials were in the court room, Wells approached Attorney Custer, and after branding the insinuation against him as a lie, landed a severe blow on his face. Custer responded with a blow, and in a short time the parties were separated. Each was fined \$5, but only after being threatened with a heavy peace bond did Wells promise to let the lawyer alone.

A Snapper on the War Path.

From Forest and Stream.

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GIRL AND FATHER OVERCOME BY GAS

Ethel Flinder Saves Parent from Death by Suicide.

BOTH INSENSIBLE ON A BED

Had Raised Window, However, Before Becoming Unconscious, and Was Easily Revived When Found by Her Mother-Father Resuscitated Hours Later in the Hospital.

Opening a door and window in the room where her father, Charles Flinder, sixty years old, attempted suicide by inhaling illuminating gas yesterday afternoon, Ethel Flinder, twenty years old, only daughter of the aged man, was overcome by the fumes before she could leave the apartment, and was nearly suffocated.

Flinder and his daughter were found by Mrs. Flinder, who summoned aid and saved the lives of her husband and child. The girl was revived in a few minutes, but Flinder did not regain consciousness until hours after he had been removed to Casualty Hospital.

The scene of the attempted suicide, which nearly resulted in a double tragedy, was in a little room on the third floor of 467 Second street northwest, where the family lives.

Out of Employment.

Flinder, according to the police, has been out of employment for weeks. Since Christmas he has been dependent, although relatives did not know he contemplated suicide.

Ethel Flinder left home shortly after noon to go shopping.

"I had been downtown about an hour," she said last night to a reporter for The Washington Herald, "when I suddenly felt as though I should return home. I had never experienced the feeling before, and it worried me. I tried to attribute it to superstition or the result of the nervous worry, but I was continually conscious of a vague unrest, as though some grave danger were impending."

"Then I boarded a street car, and rode home. Mother said father was asleep upstairs. She had not seen him since lunch. I took off my coat and hat and went to my room on the second floor. I then went up to see father. The door to his room was locked, and while I stood there waiting for an answer to my knock, I smelled the fumes of gas. The locked door and odor of gas alarmed me. One key fits the lock of two rooms on the third floor. With this I unlocked the door to father's room. He was lying on the bed apparently dead."

"As I opened the door and stepped in the room, the gas was so strong it made me dizzy. I ran to a window and threw it open, knowing fresh air is the best restorative for gas poisoning. I returned to the bed intending to try to restore father. While I was bending over him, everything grew black and I must have fainted."

Found by Her Mother.

Mrs. Flinder went up stairs from the first floor to see her daughter, and finding she had left her room ascended to the third floor. She found the man and girl on the bed, unconscious. Mrs. Flinder went to a telephone and notified the police. Dr. Garrison responded with an ambulance from Casualty Hospital.

Ethel gained consciousness soon after the arrival of the physician. Flinder was in a serious condition. He was removed to the hospital and did not regain consciousness until about 9 o'clock.

Poor Franklin.

From Harper's Weekly.

Little "Happy" is the sweetest child in America—hence the name. Her new nursery governess is a tall and beautiful German girl, of noble birth, recently fallen upon evil fortune and trying to make a new start in life in this country. She prattles by the hour about her dear friends the Prinzessin This-and-That von So-and-so, and is forever quoting the brilliant sayings of the hochgeborenen acquaintances she is loath to go in out of the rain.

"Happy's" mother, looking in upon the nursery at bedtime the other evening, was surprised to find Franklin, being away at "Happy," who was wearing her little shirt and socks in the foamy tub.

"What does this mean?" the mother cried.

"Happy" splashed down in the tub and rolled and laughed so heartily that she could hardly speak.

"Oh, mamma," she gurgled, "fräulein has given me my bath this way every night since she has been here. I told her always took baths like this in America."

Sad Case of the Substitute.

From the Lady's Pictorial.

Bridge has become responsible for a pathetic modern figure in the substitute. Upon some women it seems to devolve to constantly play this thankless role at bridge parties. The substitute is badge of disgrace and a mark of dishonor.

Good nature impels her to succumb, very often to find herself in a room full of impatient strangers with a hostess lamenting that she is the last resource after a festive and merry evening. There is no more to be done, underrated, overburdened, and the torn substitute who suddenly realizes that she is out of her bridge depths.

Suspicious.

From the Youth's Companion.

The person who, on examining a home-made henhouse, remarked that "it looked as if some fellow had built it himself," has a kindred spirit in a delightfully simple old lady noted for her naive comments. In a street car not long ago she noticed a man carrying a shotgun and a blanket roll.

"Look at him," she whispered to her companion. "He looks as if he were going to spend the night somewhere."

A Chance for All.

From the Youth's Companion.

There was little doubt in the minds of those who were invited to the wedding of Augustus Clay Johnson and Chloe Matilda Baker as to the cordiality of the invitation. It was clearly printed, and read as follows:

"You are invited to attend the marriage of Mr. Augustus Clay Johnson and Miss Chloe Matilda Baker at the house of the bride's mother. All who cannot come may send."

How He Got Him.

From Harper's Weekly.

A New York dramatist was one evening visiting a well-known player's dressing-room when there was handed in an appeal for financial assistance, written in the French language, by an actor, a Britisher, who prides himself on his knowledge of that tongue.

To the dramatist's astonishment, the player to whom the note was addressed immediately proceeded to hand the messenger the amount asked for.

"Surely, Henry," interrupted the friend, "you're not going to let him have the money? Why, the man is known everywhere as—"

"Yes, yes," interrupted the other. "I know that. But you don't suppose I can afford to have him going about town telling every one that I can't read French?"

YEAR BORN IN BLUE SMOKE.

Ghost of 1908 Stalks Out at the Press Club.

The National Press Club of Washington saw the new year born in blue smoke. It came on the wings of the perfect clouds, and if you kept your eye alert it was possible to see the ghost of 1908 stalk out at the same time. The club is partial to smokers on these festive occasions, when all past regrets cease their haunting and all eyes are turned toward the future.

Well, no; not exactly. "The present is good enough for us," says the Press Club, and no moment steals by without "something doing." There are high jinks down there for sedate literary men and some that are not sedate. There are no neutral-tinted folks there or neutral-tinted doings.

So it was that 1909—a trim little runabout of numerals—came down to earth as a smoke-child, and various folks who are called and don't-care-about-it-any-more sang at the top of their voices or emphatically approved of those that did. There was real talent there—yes, indeed, with Frederick Van Rieken as a "salt breeze from Broadway," singing some of his songs in "The Girls of Gottenberg."

There was local talent in the foreground, with Leonard Chick singing drowsy ballads and Charles Roth presiding at the piano with his customary unction.

It was the top o' the mornin' when the slaves of the type ceased to congratulate one another. Also, it might be said that there was no empty nooks and crannies inside of them, for the fellow in charge of the larer had stocked up and never had to fall back on half portions.

Almost simultaneously the bells again welcomed the advent of the new year, and it was fifteen minutes after the tolling of the midnight hours that the commotion ceased.

At many of the churches watch-night services were held.

The year 1908 has been a fairly prosperous one for the city. Several factories have begun operation, a new bank and building are now in course of construction, and many new improvements are contemplated during the coming year.

During the year 106 building permits were issued, of which 65 were for new buildings, which cost \$132,380, and 39 permits were granted for repairs costing \$17,147.

Business in the Corporation Court during the year was 922 deeds recorded, 91 suits entered, and 28 probated, 28 administrations, 46 charters, and 25 marriage licenses.

In the Circuit Court it was as follows: Fifteen suits, 5 wills probated, and 5 administrations.

Police Justice Caton collected \$3,300 in fines. Last year the amount collected was \$3,267.75. The total number of prisoners at the police headquarters was 1,371, while the total number of lodgers was 2,024.

At the jail Sergt. Cox had 445 prisoners, of which 32 were negroes and 153 whites. Of this number, 82 were women and 15 United States prisoners.

The permits issued to children to attend the public schools was 1,593, an increase of twenty-three over last year. The total number of gas consumers is 1,590, also a slight increase. The number of water takers now is 3,357, an increase of 127 over last year; 25,250 barrels of flour were issued. There were forty-nine alarms of fire and the department was in service seventeen times.

The fire losses paid out amounted to \$22,000. Expenses for the chain gang were \$1,788. Dog licenses issued was 74. The number of deaths was 284, of which 167 were white and 117 negroes, which is a decrease of 80 during the year.

The January term of the Circuit Court for this city, Judge J. B. Thornton presiding, will convene Monday morning at 10 o'clock, when a number of civil cases will be taken up. The case of J. H. Trimyer against The Washington, Alexandria and